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STOCKPILE ISSUES TANTALUM/COLUMBIUM CONCENTRATES AMENDMENT

Fort Belvoir, VA—The Defense National Stockpile Center today issued Amendment No. 013 to Solicitation for Offers, DLA-Tantalum/Columbium Concentrates-001. The amendment solicits offers for the sale of 511,905.5199 pounds bulk weight (237,864.3900 Ta₂O₅ pounds contained) of tantalum/columbium concentrates.

Existing Amendment includes the requirement for bidders to submit financial information (income statement, balance sheets, other documentation) to the Tantalum/Columbium Concentrates Contracting Officer for evaluation to establish a bidder's financial exposure limit and to determine if a bidder is financially responsible. In addition, please refer to the basic solicitation for licensing requirements.

The offering will be held on **Wednesday, November 12, 2003**. Offers are due by **10:00 a.m., local time**, at 8725 John J. Kingman Rd., Suite, 3229, Ft. Belvoir, VA 22060-6223.

The format of this sale is negotiated, which allows the Government to discuss issues regarding price, removal period, quantity, or other provisions to the solicitation. A copy of the amendment can be found on our website at: <https://www.dnsc.dla.mil>.

Requests for copies of the amendment and other inquiries should be directed to K. Watt Lough (703) 767-5402.